

Problem Set I

We start from

$$V_s = \left(\frac{(\gamma + 1)KE_0}{4\pi\rho_1 R_s^3} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (1)$$

We can rewrite this equation as:

$$R_s^{3/2} dR_s = \left(\frac{(\gamma + 1)KE_0}{4\pi\rho_1} \right)^{1/2} dt \quad (2)$$

Which we integrate to get

$$R_s = \left(\frac{25KE_0}{6\pi\rho_1} \right)^{1/5} t^{2/5} \quad (3)$$

Where we used the fact that γ was $5/3$. R_s here is in cm, E_0 in ergs, ρ_1 in g cm^{-3} and t in seconds.

Now:

$$E_0 \text{ ergs} = E_{51} \times 10^{51} \text{ ergs}$$

$$t = t_4 \times 10^4 \times (3600 \times 24 \times 365) \text{ seconds}$$

$$\rho_1 = n_1 \times m_H = 1.67410^{-24} n_1$$

So

$$R_s(\text{cm}) = \left(\frac{2510^{51}10^8(3600 \times 24 \times 365)^2}{6\pi 1.67410^{-24}} \right)^{1/5} \left(\frac{KE_{51}}{n_1} \right)^{1/5} t_4^{2/5} \quad (4)$$

Which translates to

$$R_s(\text{cm}) = 3.795810^{19} \left(\frac{KE_{51}}{n_1} \right)^{1/5} t_4^{2/5} \quad (5)$$

which gives:

$$R_s(\text{pc}) = 12.4 \left(\frac{KE_{51}}{n_1} \right)^{1/5} t_4^{2/5} \quad (6)$$

Problem set II

$N=nV$ (number of source is the number density times the volume).

Assuming homogeneous distribution, n is constant as a function of the distance and N is then proportional to d^3 (because $V=4/3\pi d^3$).

Now (Luminosity) and (Flux) are related by the relation $L = F \times 4\pi d^2$ which means that d is proportional to the (luminosity/flux) to the power $1/2$.

So at a given flux, the number of sources which appear brighter than a luminosity L is proportional to $L^{3/2}$.